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1. AUGUST 22 TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL (CANADA'S "NATIONAL" NEWSPAPER) CARRIES HALF-PAGE ARTICLE IN BUSINESS SECTION BY ALBERT SIGURDSON ENTITLED "TORONTO MEETING TOMORROW TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE TO CONTROL OF LAKES PILOTS". ARTICLE STATES THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF CANADIAN AND U.S. GREAT LAKES PILOTS ARE MEETING IN TORONTO TOMORROW TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF TAKING PILOTAGE AWAY FROM GOVERNMENT AND SETTING UP ALTERNATIVE, PILOT-GOVERNED JURISDICTION, ACCORDING TO JOHN GONZALES, PRESIDENT OF ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY PILOTS ASSOCIATION.

2. ARTICLE STATES IMPETUS BEHIND MOVE COMES FROM THE 71 U.S. PILOTS IN THE THREE GREAT LAKES DISTRICTS. GONZALES IS QUOTED AS SAYING: "WE'RE TRYING TO PUT PILOTAGE ON THE SAME BASIS AS IT IS ON IN THE REST OF THE WORLD--THE PRIVATE BUSINESS APPROACH. IT WILL BE A MEETING TO SEE WHAT

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WAY THAT IS EQUITABLE SO THAT PILOTS CAN HANDLE THE

BUSINESS AND LEAVE BOTH GOVERNMENTS OUT OF IT."

3. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH FOLLOWING UNDER THE HEADING
"EMERGENCY SESSION":

BEGIN VERBATIM TEXT: 7.S. AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENT
PILOTAGE OFFICIALS HAVE HELD AN EMERGENCY MEETING
IN OTTAWA, PERHAPS PROMPTED BY THE MEETING
PLANNED BY U.S. AND CANADIAN PILOTS TO DISCUSS
TAKING GREAT LAKES PILOTAGE AWAY FROM THE
GOVERNMENTS.

A CANADIAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "NO
SOLUTION WAS ARRIVED AT.

"WE DISCUSSED AND REVIEWED THE PROPOSED
INCREASED PILOTAGE TARIFFS. CANADA HAD SOME
NON-TARIFF ITEMS AND WE AGREED THAT THE UNITED
STATES WILL HAVE TO RESPOND TO THE CANADIAN
PROPOSALS BY EARLY SEPTEMBER AT THE LATEST.

"THE UNITED STATES HAS AGREED TO DISCUSS WITH
THE THREE U.S. PILOT GROUPS THE QUESTION OF
DISPATCHING AND THE SHARE OF WORK THAT ARE PART
OF THE CANADIAN POSITION.

"CANADA HAS NOT GONE BACK AT ALL AND WILL NOT
MOVE UNTIL WE HAVE THIS FIRST RESPONSE TO OUR
PROPOSALS." END VERBATIM TEXT.

4. COMMENT: EMBOFF WHO ATTENDED AUGUST 21 DOT-MOT
OTTAWA MEETING TELEPHONED GEORGE SCOTT OF MOT TO
INQUIRE ABOUT PARA 3 ABOVE. SCOTT HAS NOT YET SEEN
ARTICLE BUT UNDERTOOK TO CHECK AND CALL BACK. WHEN
HE DID, HE SAID HE WAS SORRY AND EMBARRASSED, PARTICULARLY
IN VIEW OF EFFORT AND CARE OF BOTH SIDES IN DRAFTING
AGREED STATEMENT FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S MEETING. HE
EXPLAINED THAT THE REPORTER, ALBERT SIGURDSON, HAD
TELEPHONED CAPTAIN DUSSAULT, DIRECTOR OF PILOTAGE,
MOT, ALSO A PARTICIPANT IN YESTERDAY'S DOT-MOT MEETING,
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TO INQUIRE ABOUT MEETING'S OUTCOME. DUSSAULT HAD MERELY
READ AGREED STATEMENT, FOLLOWING WHICH SIGURDSON PROBED
AND WAS REFERRED BY DUSSAULT TO MOT'S PUBLIC AFFAIRS
OFFICER. SIGURDSON TOLD DUSSAULT AT THAT POINT HE HAD
ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH TWO OR THREE OTHER PEOPLE.
SCOTT TOLD EMBOFF FINALLY THAT "NOBODYIN GOC" HAD MADE
QUOTED STATEMENTS IN PARA 3 ABOVE.

5. EMBASSY AIR POUCHING GLOBE AND MAIL ARTICLE TO
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